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- 1. Japanese Patent Application Laid-Open No. HEI 1-186587, dated July 26, 1989;
- Japanese Patent Application Laid-Open No. HEI 5-21158, dated January 29, 1993; and
- 3. Japanese Patent Application Laid-Open No. 2000-77181, dated March 14, 2000.

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Applicants are submitting copies of the above-cited references. The relevance of the above-identified references has been described in the specification.

Inasmuch as this Information Disclosure Statement is being submitted in accordance with the schedule set out in 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b), no statement or fee is required.

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